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Michel Dupuy signs a contribution agreement with the Théâtre du Nouveau Monde

MONTREAL, May 8, 1995 - The Honourable Michel Dupuy, Minister of Canadian Heritage, signed today in Montreal a contribution agreement with the Théâtre du Nouveau Monde (TNM). The grant will cover part of the cost of enlarging and renovating the hall, stage and related facilities at TNM. The announcement of this contribution signals the success of several years of discussion on the future of this famous theatre.

"This assistance illustrates the federal government's determination to preserve one of the most important sites of theatrical art in Canada," declared Mr. Dupuy. "This theatre has made an extraordinary contribution to the enrichment of our cultural, theatrical and artistic heritage and has attained a national reputation of which we are all very proud."

Canadian Heritage will contribute \$5 million in financial aid. This grant comes from funds already committed in this fiscal year for the support of cultural infrastructures in Québec.

Since this project will enable all presentation, production and administration activities to be centralized in one location, it will foster the development of a new synergy leading to a closer relationship between creators and the public. In addition, the modernization of TNM's technical equipment will stimulate innovative approaches to stagecraft.

These quality improvements will help TNM to attract a larger number of spectators. Further, because of its significance as a heritage site, this new building will contribute greatly to the revitalization of downtown Montreal.

This decision is an example of how the government is prioritizing its spending so that it can better serve Canadians by making efficient use of their tax dollars.

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